

Fire Information: 970-329-1054
Web: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4975>
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Information Hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Silver Creek Fire



August 25, 2016 Daily Update

Summary:

Closures & Advisories:

Visit the following web sites:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4975/#>
<http://bit.ly/2bFXD7>

Fire Size:

25 acres

Containment:

0%

Total Personnel:

50

Location:

Southeast of Stagecoach Reservoir/State Park

Started:

08/20/16

Management:

Western Slope Type 3 Incident Management Team

About 75 people attended the Silver Creek Fire community meeting last night at the Stagecoach fire station. Topics included the status of the incident, management objectives, long-range outlook, planning efforts, Routt County's Code Red program and fire preparedness. "The goal of the Routt National Forest Yampa Ranger District is to keep the fire within the Sarvis Creek Wilderness Area and protect residences and private land," said Basia Trout, Yampa District Ranger.

Oak Creek Fire Chief Chuck Wisecup reminded those in attendance to make sure they are signed up in the Code Red program. People can register by visiting www.oakcreekfire.org.

A closure order was issued for the Silver Creek Fire area (southwest portion of the Sarvis Creek Wilderness) by the Yampa Ranger District on the Routt National Forest. The purpose of the Order is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to the impacts of the wildland fire and associated fire incident management activities. Sign-in sheets are posted at the Silver Creek and Sarvis Creek trailheads. Trail users are required to leave their names and contact information in the event the fire situation changes and people need to be vacated from the area. The designated closure area was kept as small as possible in order to least impact public land users.

The fire remains at 25 acres and is predominantly burning to the east, away from private land. Fire activity was minimal yesterday, but the Routt National Forest and the incident management team remain ready to take suppression actions if the fire moves out of the areas with large amounts of dead standing snags where it is too dangerous for firefighters to work, and into areas where they can achieve the highest level of success. The Sarvis Creek Wilderness Area contains an unbroken bed of standing beetle killed trees that cannot be effectively or safely attacked directly. Firefighter and public safety is the top priority on this and every fire.

It's expected that the Silver Creek Fire will burn at some level and produce smoke until there is a significant rain or snow event that ends the fire season.

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